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1. WE HAVE ONLY A GENERAL IDEA WHAT THE GOI SEEKS ABOUT THE FORTHCOMING DISCUSSIONS AND THE INDIAN GENDA, WHICH REFTEL SAID HAD BEEN POUCHED TO THE EMBASSY, HAS NOT YET ARRIVED. WE ASSUME THAT INDIA IS AFTER A LARGER QUOTA THIS YEAR AND FURTHER INCREASES NEXT YEAR.

2. IF THE INDIANS' ASKING FOR MORE IS THE STIMULUS FOR THESE MEETINGS, THE AMBASSADOR WOULD LIKE TO KNOW WHAT RESPONSE WE PLAN TO GIVE. IF WE HAVE IN MIND PROVIDING MORE, AMBASSADOR WOULD LIKE TO KNOW WHAT TO EXPECT IN RETURN. HE WOULD LIKE TO HAVE A CLEAR IDEA OF WHAT WE HAVE IN MIND ON THESE AND OTHER POINTS BEFORE PROCEEDING FURTHER IN ARRANGING DISCUSSIONS IN DELHI. HE BELIEVES, FOR EXAMPLE, THAT IT WOULD BE UNFORTUNATE FOR US TO BE OFFERING CONCESSIONS TO THE INDIANS IN DELHI AT A TIME WHEN THEY MIGHT BE CRITICIZING US AT THE NON-ALIGNED CONFERENCE IN COLOMBO. ON THE OTHER HAND, IT WOULD BE A GOOD TIME FOR COMPROMISE ON OUR PART IF THE INDIANS ARE HELPFUL AT COLOMBO.

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